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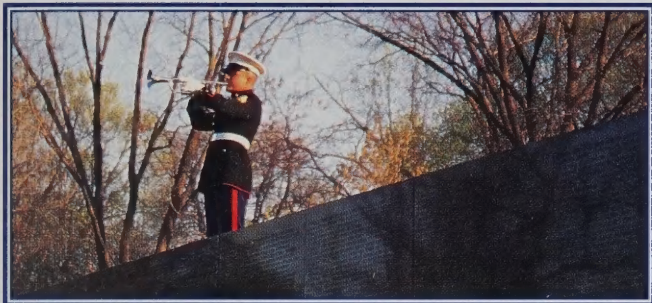
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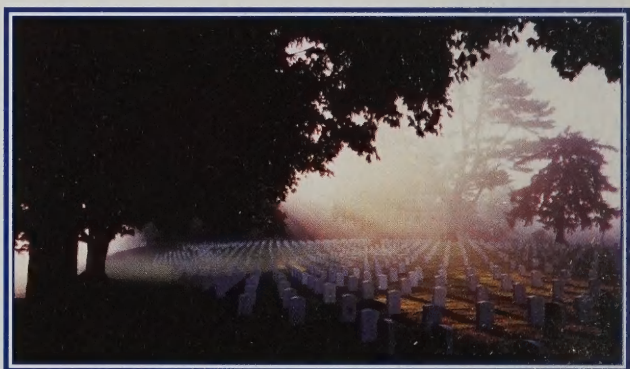
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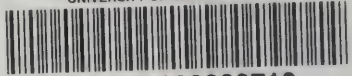
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Occasionally, the family does not choose to have a military presence at the funeral, but does request presentation of the American flag by the funeral director. This card is a quick reference for such occasions.



A United States flag drapes the casket of deceased veterans to honor the memory of their service to the country. The ceremonial folding and presentation of that flag is a moving tribute of lasting import to the veteran's family.

The flag is placed so the union blue field is at the head and over the left shoulder of the deceased.

After Taps has been played, the flag is carefully folded into the symbolic tri-cornered shape.

It is then presented as a keepsake to the next of kin or an appropriate family member.

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“On behalf of a grateful nation...”

To properly fold the flag follow these directions:



- 1** To begin, with one person at either end, hold the flag waist high so that its surface is parallel to the ground.
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- 2** Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.
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- 3** Fold the flag again lengthwise, now with the blue field on the outside.
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- 4 Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.
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- 5 Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.
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- 6 Continue the triangular folding until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.
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- 7 When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible. If a hem protrudes beyond the blue field, it should be neatly tucked inside the folds of the flag so it does not show.

The folded flag is then presented to the next of kin.



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Generally, the flag is presented to the appropriate family member after Taps is played.

Stand facing the flag recipient and hold the folded flag waist high with the straight edge facing the recipient.

Lean toward the flag recipient and solemnly present the flag to the recipient.

Each Service uses slightly different wording for the presentation:

Army: This flag is presented on behalf of a grateful nation and the United States Army as a token of appreciation for you. loved one's honorable and faithful service.

Navy: On behalf of the President of the United States and the Chief of Naval Operations, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's service to this Country and a grateful Navy.

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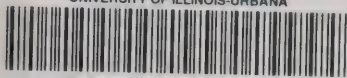
Air Force: On behalf of the President of the United States, the Department of the Air Force, and a grateful nation, we offer this flag for the faithful and dedicated service of (Service member's rank and name).

If the next of kin has expressed a religious preference or belief, add: "God bless you and this family, and God bless the United States of America."

Coast Guard: On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's service to Country and the Coast Guard.

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1. What is Military Funeral Honors?

The basic Military Funeral Honors ceremony consists of the folding and presentation of the United States flag to the veteran's family and the playing of Taps. The ceremony is performed by a funeral honors detail consisting of at least two members of the Armed Forces. At least one of the funeral honors detail will be from the Armed Force in which the deceased veteran served. Taps may be played by a bugler or, if a bugler is not available, by using a quality recorded version. This basic ceremony will be provided to every eligible veteran, when requested. Depending upon the culture and traditions of the Military Service, additional personnel or other elements of funeral honors may be added.

In addition, local Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), who have historically performed Military Funeral Honors, and other authorized organizations may complement the Military Funeral Honors detail. For example, the VSOs might augment the ceremony by providing a firing party. This voluntary assistance would be in addition to the services provided by the Military Funeral Honors detail. If there is a VSO or authorized organization in the area that might have an interest in assisting in the Military Funeral Honors ceremony, and if desired by

the family, the funeral director should notify the Military Service point of contact.

2. How do I establish veteran eligibility?

The preferred method is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. The DD 214 may be obtained by filling out a Standard Form 180 and sending it to:

**National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132**

The Standard Form 180 may be obtained from the National Records Center or via the Internet at:

<http://www.nara.gov/publications/forms/sf180a.pdf>

3. Who is eligible for a burial flag?

The VA establishes eligibility. Your funeral director will assist you in obtaining a flag. More information is available at:

<http://www.cem.va.gov/bflags.htm>

4. What is a Presidential Memorial Certificate? Who is eligible to receive this certificate? How does the family obtain this certificate?

This is a parchment certificate with a calligraphic inscription expressing the nation's grateful recognition of an honorably discharged, deceased veteran's service in the Armed Forces. The veteran's name is inscribed and the certificate bears the signature of the President.

All veterans are eligible to receive this certificate. The family may request a Presidential Memorial Certificate either in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail. Requests cannot be sent via email. There is no form to fill out when requesting this certificate. If requesting by mail, a return address and a copy of the veteran's discharge documents must be enclosed. Send requests to:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration (403A)
810 Vermont Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20420

More information is available at:

<http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.htm>

5. How do I request a grave marker?

Your funeral director will assist you or if you have questions about grave markers, family members can write to the VA at:

Memorial Programs Service (403)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20420

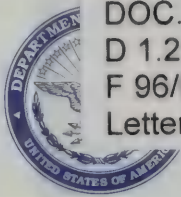
More information is available at:

<http://www.cem.va.gov/hmorder.htm>

6. To whom can I write to express comments or concerns about the Military Funeral Honors program?

You may write to:

Military Funeral Honors
9504 IH 35 North, Suite 320
San Antonio, TX 78233-6635



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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301



To Our Nation's Funeral Directors:

The U.S. Department of Defense is initiating a new program, *Honoring Those Who Served*, to improve the provision of military funeral honors to eligible veterans. Historically, the Department of Defense provided military funeral honors when resources were available to do so. We now plan to provide appropriate honors responsive to all requests for eligible veterans' funerals.

This *Military Funeral Honors Kit* is designed to help you assist families of eligible veterans in making funeral honors arrangements. We ask that you, the funeral director, make the request on behalf of the family. As you will see in the kit, we have established a toll-free number, 1-877-MIL-HONR (1-877-645-4667), for your use in locating Military Service points-of-contact for funeral honors. Also, because you and the family members you help often have questions about military honors and veterans' benefits, we have placed information on a new web site, www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil. Please feel free to provide this web address to those you assist.

Honoring Those Who Served allows a grateful nation to pay final tribute to veterans who, in times of war and peace, stood strong in defense of the United States of America. On behalf of the men and women who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of our nation, thank you for your important contributions to this valuable program.

Sincerely,

William H. Cohen

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Funeral Directors' Kit Contents

The Military Funeral Honors Kit includes several aids designed to assist you in your efforts to provide families of eligible military veterans with the services they desire. Each Kit contains:

- A special Letter of Thanks.
- A Military Funeral Honors Directory that lists points of contact by Military Service, for all 50 states. This is a one-time printing and distribution of the Directory. Future updates will be available on the web site at <http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil>.
- Military Funeral Honors is a brochure that provides funeral directors with information about the program. (5 copies)
- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) booklet that contains answers to questions the veteran's family may have.
- A Flag Presentation Protocol card that demonstrates how to fold the United States Flag, and describes the flag folding and presentation ceremony. It also provides suggested flag presentation language for each of the Military Services.
- A CD of Taps, recorded at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day 1999.

Thank you for your important role in making the Military Funeral Honors program a success.

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Guide to Military Service Points of Contact

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How to Use This Directory

This Directory is for funeral directors, Veterans Service organizations, ROTC units, and other authorized military funeral honors organizations use only. Please do not provide the phone numbers contained in this Directory to family members.

Once the family of an eligible veteran has requested Military Funeral Honors through their funeral director, this Directory is used to locate a military point of contact to help arrange for the funeral honors detail.

- To use the Directory, locate the State or Territory in which the interment will take place.
- Under the State, you will find a local telephone number for each of the Military Services. Please choose the number that corresponds to the Service of the decedent. In most cases, the numbers for each Service will apply to the State as a whole. In some States, however, there will be more than one number per Service, listed by county or city.

Service Points of Contact

A

ALABAMA

Army

Counties: Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Macon,

Montgomery, Russell, Tallapoosa 706-545-4116

All Other Counties 334-255-9081

Navy 904-542-1536

Marine Corps 843-228-2770

Air Force

Counties: Coffee, Dale, Geneva,

Henry, Houston 850-283-4405

Counties: Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh,

Covington, Escambia, Mobile, 850-883-4020

Monroe, Washington 334-953-4545

All Other Counties 504-942-4059

Coast Guard

ALASKA

Army 907-384-0855

Navy 360-315-5132

Marine Corps 619-542-5559

Air Force

Counties: Denali Borough,

Fairbanks-North Star Borough,

Nome Census Area, North Slope

Borough, Northwest Arctic Borough,

Southeast Fairbanks Census Area,

Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area 907-377-1500

All Other Counties 907-552-3000

Coast Guard 907-463-2169

ARIZONA

Army 520-533-2229

Navy 619-556-7178

Marine Corps 619-542-5559

Air Force

Counties: Coconino, Gila, La Paz,

Maricopa, Yavapai, Yuma 623-856-7240

County: Mohave 702-652-4136

All Other Counties 520-228-4189

Coast Guard 510-437-3667

ARKANSAS

Army 580-442-6405

Navy 504-678-1275

Marine Corps 504-678-2361

Air Force 501-987-6317

Coast Guard 314-539-3900

C

CALIFORNIA

Army

Counties: Alpine, Fresno, Imperial,
Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles,
Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono,
Monterey, Orange, Riverside,
San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego,
San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,

Tulare, Ventura 520-533-2229

All Other Counties 888-634-7496

Navy 619-556-7178

Marine Corps 619-542-5559

Air Force

Counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles,
Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino,
San Diego 909-655-6105

Counties: San Luis Obispo,
Santa Barbara, Ventura 805-606-9961

Counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte,
El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen,
Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer,
Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou,
Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba 530-634-5700

County: Inyo 702-652-4136

All Other Counties 707-424-5063

Coast Guard 510-437-3667

COLORADO

Army 800-283-5029

Navy 619-556-7178

Marine Corps 504-678-2361

Air Force

Counties: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield,
Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Lake, Larimer,
Logan, Moffat, Morgan, Park, Phillips,
Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, Sedgwick,
Summit, Washington, Weld, Yuma 307-773-3077

All Other Counties 719-556-8226

Coast Guard 314-539-3900

CONNECTICUT

Army 888-325-1601

Navy 860-694-3475

Marine Corps 516-228-5666

Air Force

Counties: Fairfield, Litchfield,
Middlesex, New Haven 609-724-4117

All Other Counties 781-377-4850

Coast Guard 617-223-3476

D

DELAWARE

Army 301-677-2206

Navy 757-322-2817

Marine Corps 717-770-4524

Air Force 800-565-1398

Coast Guard 757-398-6390

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Army 703-696-3237

Navy 202-433-4589

Marine Corps 717-770-4524

Air Force 202-767-5631

Coast Guard 202-267-2085

F

FLORIDA

Army

Counties: Columbia, Dixie, Franklin,
Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton,
Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty,
Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla 706-545-4116

Counties: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia,
Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa,
Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington 334-255-9081

All Other Counties 800-557-7408

Navy 904-542-1536

Marine Corps 843-228-2770

Air Force

Counties: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin,
Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson,
Leon, Liberty, Wakulla, Washington 850-283-4405

Counties: Escambia, Okaloosa,
Santa Rosa, Walton 850-882-2156

Counties: Brevard, Broward, Dade,
Indian River, Lake, Martin,
Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola,
Palm Beach, Seminole, St. Lucie, Volusia 407-494-7478

Counties: Charlotte, Citrus, Collier,
De Soto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry,
Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough,
Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Monroe,
Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Sumter 813-828-5191
All Other Counties 912-257-3501
Coast Guard 305-535-4591

G

GEORGIA

Army

Counties: Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien,
Bibb, Bleckley, Brooks, Calhoun,
Chattahoochee, Clay, Clinch, Colquitt,
Cook, Crawford, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge,
Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady,
Harris, Houston, Irwin, Jones, Lamar,
Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marion,
Meriwether, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe,
Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Quitman,
Randolph, Schley, Seminole, Stewart,
Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Terrell, Thomas,
Tift, Troup, Turner, Twiggs, Upson,
Webster, Wilcox, Worth 706-545-4116

Counties: Baldwin, Burke, Clarke,
Columbia, Elbert, Emanuel, Franklin,
Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Hart,
Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens,
Lincoln, Madison, McDuffie, Morgan,
Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Richmond,
Screven, Stephens, Taliaferro, Warren,
Washington, Wilkes, Wilkinson 706-791-4212

Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon,
Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden,
Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Coffee,
Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis,
Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery,
Pierce, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs,
Treutlen, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler 800-557-7408

All Other Counties 404-464-2111

Navy 904-542-1536

Marine Corps 843-228-2770

Air Force

Counties: Bryan, Bulloch, Burke,
Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins,
Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven 843-963-3398

Counties: Calhoun, Clay, Quitman,
Randolph 334-953-4545

Counties: Decatur, Early, Seminole 850-283-4405

Counties: Columbia, Lincoln,
Richmond 803-895-9317

Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon,
Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks,
Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee,
Colquitt, Cook, Dougherty, Echols,
Glynn, Grady, Irwin, Jeff Davis,
Lanier, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell,
Pierce, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Ware,
Wayne, Worth 912-257-3501

All Other Counties 912-926-9775

Coast Guard 305-535-4591

H

HAWAII

Army 808-655-5261

Navy 808-474-0295

Marine Corps 619-542-5559

Air Force 808-448-6900

Coast Guard 808-541-2330

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IDAHO

Army 888-634-7496

Navy 360-315-5132

Marine Corps 619-542-5559

Air Force

Counties: Bannock, Bear Lake,
Bingham, Bonneville, Caribou, Cassia,
Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson,
Madison, Oneida, Power, Teton 801-777-3967

Counties: Benewah, Bonner,
Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai,
Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Shoshone 509-247-4713

All Other Counties 208-828-2868

Coast Guard 206-217-6400

ILLINOIS

Army	800-350-7746
Navy	504-678-1275
Marine Corps	816-843-3884
Air Force	618-256-4586
Coast Guard	216-902-6117

INDIANA

Army	502-624-6051
Navy	860-694-3475
Marine Corps	
<u>Counties:</u> Clark, Crawford, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jefferson, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Warrick	717-770-4524
<u>All Other Counties</u>	816-843-3884
Air Force	
<u>Counties:</u> Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Blackford, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Clark, Crawford, De Kalb, Dearborn, Decatur, Delaware, Elkhart, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Grant, Harrison, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jay, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Kosciusko, Lagrange, Marshall, Miami, Noble, Ohio, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripley, Scott, Shelby, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Switzerland, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, Wells, Whitley	937-257-8964
<u>All Other Counties</u>	618-256-4586
Coast Guard	216-902-6117

IOWA

Army	913-684-3557
Navy	504-678-1275
Marine Corps	816-843-3884
Air Force	402-294-5465
Coast Guard	314-539-3900

K

KANSAS

Army

Counties: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Nemaha, Wyandotte

913-684-3557

All Other Counties

785-239-5518

Navy

504-678-1275

Marine Corps

Counties: Allen, Barber, Butler, Chautauqua, Clark, Comanche, Cowley, Edwards, Elk, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greely, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Lane, McPherson, Meade, Montgomery, Morton, Neosho, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Rush, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Wichita, Wilson, Woodson

504-678-2361

All Other Counties

816-843-3884

Air Force

Counties: Morton, Seward, Stevens

580-213-7572

Counties: Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Sherman, Stanton, Wallace, Witchita

719-556-7096

Counties: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, Neosho, Osage, Shawnee, Wyandotte

660-687-6532

Counties: Brown, Marshall, Nemaha

402-294-5465

All Other Counties

316-759-4309

Coast Guard

314-539-3900

KENTUCKY

Army

Counties: Adair, Allen, Ballard, Barren, Bell, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Daviess, Floyd, Fulton, Graves, Harlan, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Letcher, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McCracken, McCreary, McLean, Metcalfe, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Russell, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren, Wayne, Webster, Whitley 270-798-4729
All Other Counties 502-624-6051

Navy

Counties: Boyd, Carter, Floyd, Greenup, Haran, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Pike, Rowan 757-322-2817
All Other Counties 904-542-1536
Marine Corps 717-770-4524

Air Force

Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Trigg, Union 618-256-4586
All Other Counties 937-257-8964
Coast Guard 314-539-3900

L

LOUISIANA

Army 888-325-1601
Navy 860-694-3475
Marine Corps 516-228-5666
Air Force 781-377-4850

Counties: Avoyelles, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, De Soto, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, Tensas, Union, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll, Winn 318-456-5246
All Other Counties 228-377-1986
Coast Guard 504-942-4059

M

MAINE

Army 888-325-1601
Navy 860-694-3475
Marine Corps 516-228-5666
Air Force 781-377-4850
Coast Guard 617-223-3476

MARYLAND

Army

Counties: Montgomery, Prince Georges 703-696-3237
All Other Counties 301-677-2206

Navy

Counties: Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester 757-322-2817
All Other Counties 202-433-4589
Marine Corps 717-770-4524

Air Force

Counties: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester 800-565-1398
All Other Counties 202-767-5631
Coast Guard 757-398-6390
State Program 410-383-6974

MASSACHUSETTS

Army 888-325-1601
Navy 860-694-3475
Marine Corps 516-228-5666
Air Force 781-377-4850
Coast Guard 617-223-3476

MICHIGAN

Army

Counties: Alger, Baraga,
Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson,
Gogebic, Houghton, Iron,
Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac,
Marquette, Menominee,
Ontonagon, Schoolcraft 800-350-7746
All Other Counties 502-624-6051
Navy 860-694-3475

Marine Corps

Counties: Lenawee, Livingston,
Macomb, Monroe, Oakland,
St. Clair, Washtenaw, Wayne 717-770-4524
All Other Counties 816-843-3884

Air Force

Counties: Alger, Baraga,
Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson,
Gogebic, Houghton, Iron,
Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac,
Marquette, Menominee,
Ontonagon, Schoolcraft 701-747-3133
All Other Counties 937-257-8964
Coast Guard 216-902-6117

MINNESOTA

Army 913-684-3557
Navy 504-678-1275
Marine Corps 816-843-3884
Air Force 701-747-3133
Coast Guard 314-539-3900

MISSISSIPPI

Army 888-474-0377
Navy 904-542-1536
Marine Corps
Counties: Attala, Choctaw, Clarke,
Clay, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale,
Leake, Lowndes, Neshoba, Newton,
Noxubee, Smith, Webster, Winston 843-228-2770
All Other Counties 504-678-2361
Air Force
Counties: Adams, Amite, Claiborne,
Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest,
Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock,

Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jasper,
Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar,
Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River,
Perry, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Smith,
Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne,
Wilkinson 228-377-1986
All Other Counties 662-434-2311
Coast Guard 504-942-4059

MISSOURI

Army

Counties: Andrew, Atchison,
Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll,
Chariton, Clay, Clinton, Daviess,
De Kalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison,
Holt, Jackson, Lafayette, Linn,
Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway,
Platte, Putnam, Ray, Saline,
Sullivan, Worth 913-684-3557
All Other Counties 800-350-7746
Navy 504-678-1275
Marine Corps 816-843-3884

Air Force

Counties: Bollinger, Butler,
Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Jefferson,
Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot,
Perry, Scott, St. Francois, St. Louis,
St. Louis City, Ste. Genevieve,
Stoddard, Wayne 618-256-4586
All Other Counties 660-687-6532
Coast Guard 314-539-3900
State Program 877-221-6361

MONTANA

Army 888-634-7496
Navy 360-315-5132
Marine Corps 619-542-5559
Air Force 406-731-3801
Coast Guard 206-217-6400

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NEBRASKA

Army	785-239-5518
Navy	360-315-5132
Marine Corps	
<u>Counties:</u> Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux	504-678-2361
<u>All Other Counties</u>	816-843-3884
Air Force	
<u>Counties:</u> Box Butte, Cherry, Dawes, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha, Sheridan, Sioux	605-385-1318
<u>Counties:</u> Arthur, Banner, Chase, Cheyenne, Deuel, Dundy, Garden, Keith, Kimball, Morrill, Perkins, Scotts Bluff	307-773-3077
<u>All Other Counties</u>	402-294-5465
Coast Guard	314-539-3900

NEVADA

Army	520-533-2229
Navy	619-556-7178
Marine Corps	619-542-5559
Air Force	
<u>County:</u> Humboldt	208-828-2868
<u>County:</u> Elko	801-777-3967
<u>Counties:</u> Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe	530-634-5700
<u>All Other Counties</u>	702-652-4136
Coast Guard	510-437-3667

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Army	888-325-1601
Navy	860-694-3475
Marine Corps	516-228-5666
Air Force	781-377-4850
Coast Guard	617-223-3476

NEW JERSEY

Army	609-562-4453
Navy	860-694-3475
Marine Corps	516-228-5666
Air Force	609-724-4117
Coast Guard	757-398-6390

NEW MEXICO

Army	915-568-2903
Navy	619-556-7178
Marine Corps	504-678-2361
Air Force	
<u>Counties:</u> Chaves, Colfax, Curry, DeBaca, Guadalupe, Harding, Lea, Mora, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Union	505-784-6996
<u>Counties:</u> Catron, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, Sierra	505-475-7473
<u>All Other Counties</u>	505-846-1804
Coast Guard	504-942-4059

NEW YORK

Army	
<u>Counties:</u> Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester, New York City	609-562-4453
<u>All Other Counties</u>	888-325-1601
Navy	860-694-3475
Marine Corps	516-228-5666
Air Force	
<u>Counties:</u> Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Warren, Washington	781-377-4850
<u>All Other Counties</u>	609-724-4117
Coast Guard	
<u>New York City</u>	617-223-3476
<u>All Other Counties</u>	216-902-6117

NORTH CAROLINA

Army 800-682-6973
Navy

Counties: Camden, Chowan,
 Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank,
 Perquimans, Tyrell, Washington 757-322-2817
All Other Counties 904-542-1536

Marine Corps

Counties: Camden, Currituck,
 Pasquotank 717-770-4524
All Other Counties 843-228-2770

Air Force

Counties: Cherokee, Clay 912-926-9775

Counties: Alamance, Alexander,
 Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery,
 Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caswell,
 Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland,
 Cumberland, Davidson, Davie,
 Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Hoke,
 Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg,
 Montgomery, Moore, Randolph,
 Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham,
 Rowan, Rutherford, Scotland,
 Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union,
 Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin 910-394-9000

Counties: Bertie, Camden, Chowan,
 Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford,
 Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrell,
 Washington 757-764-7181

Counties: Buncombe, Graham,
 Haywood, Henderson, Jackson,
 Macon, Madison, McDowell,
 Mitchell, Polk, Swain,
 Transylvania, Yancey 803-895-9317

All Other Counties 919-722-5324

Coast Guard 757-398-6390

NORTH DAKOTA

Army 800-283-5029
Navy 360-315-5132

Marine Corps 816-843-3884

Air Force

Counties: Cass, Cavalier, Grand Forks, Nelson,
 Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent,
 Steele, Traill, Walsh 701-747-3133

All Other Counties

701-723-3101

Coast Guard

314-539-3900

**OHIO**

Army 502-624-6051

Navy 860-694-3475

Marine Corps 717-770-4524

Air Force 937-257-8964

Coast Guard 216-902-6117

OKLAHOMA

Army 580-442-6405

Navy 504-678-1275

Marine Corps 504-678-2361

Air Force

Counties: Alfalfa, Beaver, Blaine,
 Cimarron, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield,
 Grant, Harper, Kay, Kingfisher,
 Major, Noble, Nowata, Osage,
 Pawnee, Payne, Texas, Washington,
 Woods, Woodward 580-213-7572

Counties: Carter, Comanche, Cotton,
 Jefferson, Love, Stephens, Tillman 940-676-7234

Counties: Beckham, Custer, Greer,
 Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills,
 Washita 580-481-1526

All Other Counties 405-734-4226

Coast Guard 504-942-4059

OREGON

Army 888-634-7496

Navy 360-315-5132

Marine Corps 619-542-5559

Air Force

Counties: Baker, Grant, Harney,
 Lake, Malheur 208-828-2868

Counties: Curry, Jackson, Josephine,
 Klamath 530-634-5700

Counties: Umatilla, Union, Wallowa 509-247-4713

All Other Counties 253-984-2700

Coast Guard 206-217-6400

P

PENNSYLVANIA

Army

Counties: Bucks, Chester,
Montgomery, Delaware,

Philadelphia City 609-562-4453

All Other Counties 301-677-2206

Navy 757-322-2817

Marine Corps

Counties: Allegheny, Armstrong,

Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Bradford,

Butler, Cambria, Cameron,

Centre, Clarion, Clearfield,

Clinton, Elk, Fayette, Forest,

Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana,

Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence,

McKean, Mercer, Mifflin,

Philadelphia, Potter, Somerset,

Susquehanna, Tioga, Warren,

Washington, Westmoreland 516-228-5666

All Other Counties 717-770-4524

Air Force

Counties: Beaver, Lawrence 937-257-8964

Counties: Chester, Lancaster 800-565-1398

Counties: Berks, Bradford, Bucks,

Carbon, Clinton, Columbia,

Delaware, Lackawanna, Lehigh,

Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Monroe,

Montgomery, Montour, Northampton,

Northumberland, Philadelphia, Pike,

Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan,

Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne,

Wyoming 609-724-4117

All Other Counties 202-767-5631

Coast Guard 757-398-6390

R

RHODE ISLAND

Army 888-325-1601

Navy 860-694-3475

Marine Corps 516-228-5666

Air Force 781-377-4850

Coast Guard 617-223-3476

S

SOUTH CAROLINA

Army

Counties: Abbeville, Aiken,

Allendale, Anderson, Barnwell,

Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood,

Hampton, Laurens, McCormick,

Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg 706-791-4212

Counties: Beaufort, Jasper 800-557-7408

All Other Counties 803-751-4519

Navy 904-542-1536

Marine Corps 843-228-2770

Air Force

Counties: Beaufort, Berkeley,

Charleston, Colleton, Dillon,

Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown,

Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Marion,

Marlboro, Williamsburg 843-963-3398

All Other Counties 803-895-9317

Coast Guard 305-535-4591

SOUTH DAKOTA

Army 800-283-5029

Navy 360-315-5132

Marine Corps

Counties: Bennett, Butte, Corson,

Custer, Dewey, Fall River, Haakon,

Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade,

Pennington, Perkins, Shannon,

Walworth, Ziebach 504-678-2361

All Other Counties 816-843-3884

Air Force 605-385-1318

Coast Guard 314-539-3900

T

TENNESSEE

Army 270-798-4729
Navy 904-542-1536

Marine Corps

Counties: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Tipton, Weakley 504-678-2361
All Other Counties 843-228-2770

Air Force

Counties: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Giles, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Hickman, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lewis, Madison, Marshall, Maury, McNairy, Perry, Wayne 662-434-2311
Counties: Henry, Obion, Weakley 618-256-4586
Counties: Shelby, Tipton 501-987-6317

Counties: Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington 803-895-9317
All Other Counties 912-926-9775
Coast Guard 314-539-3900

TEXAS

Army

Counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Ward, Winkler 915-568-2903

Counties: Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, Tyler 888-474-0377

Counties: Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Caldwell, Cameron, Calhoun, Colorado, Comal, De Witt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak,

Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Pasadena, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Three Rivers, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Waller, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, Zavala 210-221-1752
All Other Counties 254-287-7200

Navy**Marine Corps****Air Force**

Counties: Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Comal, De Witt, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Jackson, Lavaca, Leon, Matagorda, Montgomery, Robertson, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wilson 210-652-3604

Counties: Andrews, Borden, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Winkler 915-654-3341

Counties: Anderson, Angelina, Camp, Chambers, Cherokee, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Wood 318-456-5246

Counties: Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hartley, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Oldham, Parmer, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Yoakum 505-784-6996

Counties: Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Colorado, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Gillespie, Gonzales, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, Milam, Real, San Saba, Travis, Williamson 210-671-2562

Counties: Brewster, Dimmit, Edwards, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala 830-298-5159

TEXAS, Continued

<u>Counties:</u> Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth	505-475-7473
<u>Counties:</u> Bosque, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Dallas, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Fisher, Freestone, Hamilton, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kent, Limestone, McLennan, Mills, Mitchell, Navarro, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Parker, Scurry, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Stonewall, Tarrant, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wise, Young	915-696-5532
<u>Counties:</u> Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Goliad, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kennedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Willacy	210-536-2635
<u>Counties:</u> Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, La Salle, Medina, Starr, Webb, Zapata	201-925-7115
<u>Counties:</u> Archer, Baylor, Bowie, Cass, Clay, Collin, Cooke, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, King, Knox, Lamar, Montague, Morris, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Titus, Wichita, Wilbarger	940-676-7234
<u>All Other Counties</u>	580-481-1526
Coast Guard	504-942-4059

U**UTAH**

Army	800-283-5029
Navy	619-556-7178
Marine Corps	619-542-5559
Air Force	
<u>County:</u> San Juan	505-846-1804
<u>Counties:</u> Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, Washington, Wayne	702-652-4136
<u>All Other Counties</u>	801-777-3967
Coast Guard	510-437-3667

V**VERMONT**

Army	888-325-1601
Navy	860-694-3475
Marine Corps	516-228-5666

**Air Force
Coast Guard**781-377-4850
617-223-3476**VIRGINIA****Army**

<u>Counties:</u> Alexandria City, Arlington, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, Fauquier, Greene, King George, Lancaster, Madison, Northumberland, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Richmond, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, Westmoreland	703-696-3237
<u>Counties:</u> Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Matthews, Middlesex, Southampton, York, Chesapeake City, Hampton City, Newport News City, Norfolk City, Poquoson City, Portsmouth City, Virginia Beach City	757-878-5050
<u>Counties:</u> Accomack, Clarke, Frederick, Loudoun, Northampton	301-677-2206
<u>All Other Counties</u>	804-734-6606

Navy

<u>Counties:</u> Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, Warren, Westmoreland	202-433-4589
<u>All Other Counties</u>	757-322-2817

Marine Corps

<u>Counties:</u> Russell, Scott, Washington, Wise	843-228-2770
<u>All Other Counties</u>	717-770-4524

Air Force

<u>Counties:</u> Accomack, Amelia, Buckingham, Charles City, Chesapeake City, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights City, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Emporia City, Essex, Franklin City, Gloucester, Goochland, Greenville, Hampton City, Hanover, Henrico, Hopewell City, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Matthews, Middlesex, New Kent, Newport News City, Norfolk City, Northampton, Northumberland, Petersburg City,	
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VIRGINIA, Continued

Poquoson City, Portsmouth City,
 Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond,
 Richmond City, Southampton,
 Suffolk City, Surry, Sussex,
 Virginia Beach City, Westmoreland,
 Williamsburg City, York 757-764-7181
Counties: Albemarle, Alexandria City,
 Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta,
 Bath, Caroline, Charlottesville City,
 Clarke, Clifton Forge City,
 Covington City, Culpeper, Fairfax,
 Fairfax City, Falls Church City,
 Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick,
 Fredericksburg City, Greene,
 Harrisonburg City, Highland,
 King George, Loudoun, Louisa,
 Madison, Manassas City, Manassas
 Park City, Nelson, Orange, Page,
 Prince William, Rappahannock,
 Rockingham, Shenandoah,
 Spotsylvania, Stafford, Staunton City,
 Warren, Waynesboro City,
 Winchester City 202-767-5631
Counties: Amherst, Appomattox,
 Bedford, Bedford City, Botetourt,
 Brunswick, Buena Vista City,
 Campbell, Charlotte, Craig,
 Danville City, Franklin, Halifax,
 Lexington City, Lunenburg,
 Lynchburg City, Mecklenburg,
 Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward,
 Roanoke, Roanoke City, Rockbridge,
 Salem City, South Boston City 919-722-5324
All Other Counties 910-394-9000
Coast Guard 757-398-6390

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WASHINGTON

Army 888-634-7496
Navy 360-315-5132
Marine Corps 619-542-5559
Air Force
Counties: Chelan, Clallam, Clark,
 Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island,
 Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas,

Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific,
 Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania,
 Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum,
 Whatcom 253-984-2700
All Other Counties 509-247-4713
Coast Guard 206-217-6400

WEST VIRGINIA

Army
Counties: Grant, Hardy, Pendleton 703-696-3237
Counties: Berkeley, Hampshire,
 Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan 301-677-2206
All Other Counties 502-624-6051
Navy 757-322-2817
Marine Corps 717-770-4524
Air Force
Counties: Boone, Brooke, Cabell,
 Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette,
 Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson,
 Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan,
 Marshall, Mason, Mingo, Ohio,
 Pleasants, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie,
 Roane, Taylor, Tyler, Wayne,
 Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, Wyoming 937-257-8964
Counties: McDowell, Mercer 910-394-9000
All Other Counties 202-767-5631
Coast Guard 757-398-6390

WISCONSIN

Army	800-350-7746
Navy	504-678-1275
Marine Corps	816-843-3884
Air Force	
<u>Counties:</u> Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond Du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Lacrosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha	618-256-4586
<u>All Other Counties</u>	701-747-3133
Coast Guard	216-902-6117

WYOMING

Army	800-283-5029
Navy	360-315-5132
Marine Corps	
<u>Counties:</u> Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Lincoln	619-542-5559
<u>All Other Counties</u>	504-678-2361
Air Force	
<u>Counties:</u> Big Horn, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, Washakie, Weston	605-385-1318
<u>Counties:</u> Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta	801-777-3967
<u>County:</u> Park	406-731-3801
<u>Counties:</u> Albany, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Goshen, Hot Springs, Laramie, Natrona, Niobrara, Platte	307-773-3588
Coast Guard	314-539-3900

U.S. TERRITORIES

GUAM	
Army	(808) 655-5261
Navy	(671) 339-5220
Marines	(800) 847-1597
Air Force	(671) 366-5178
Coast Guard	(808) 541-2330

PUERTO RICO

Army	(787) 707-3245
Navy	(904) 542-1536
Marines	(800) 847-1597
Air Force	(787) 253-5272
Coast Guard	(787) 729-6800

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Army	(787) 707-3245
Navy	(904) 542-1536
Marines	(800) 847-1597
Air Force	(340) 778-1280
Coast Guard	(787) 729-6800

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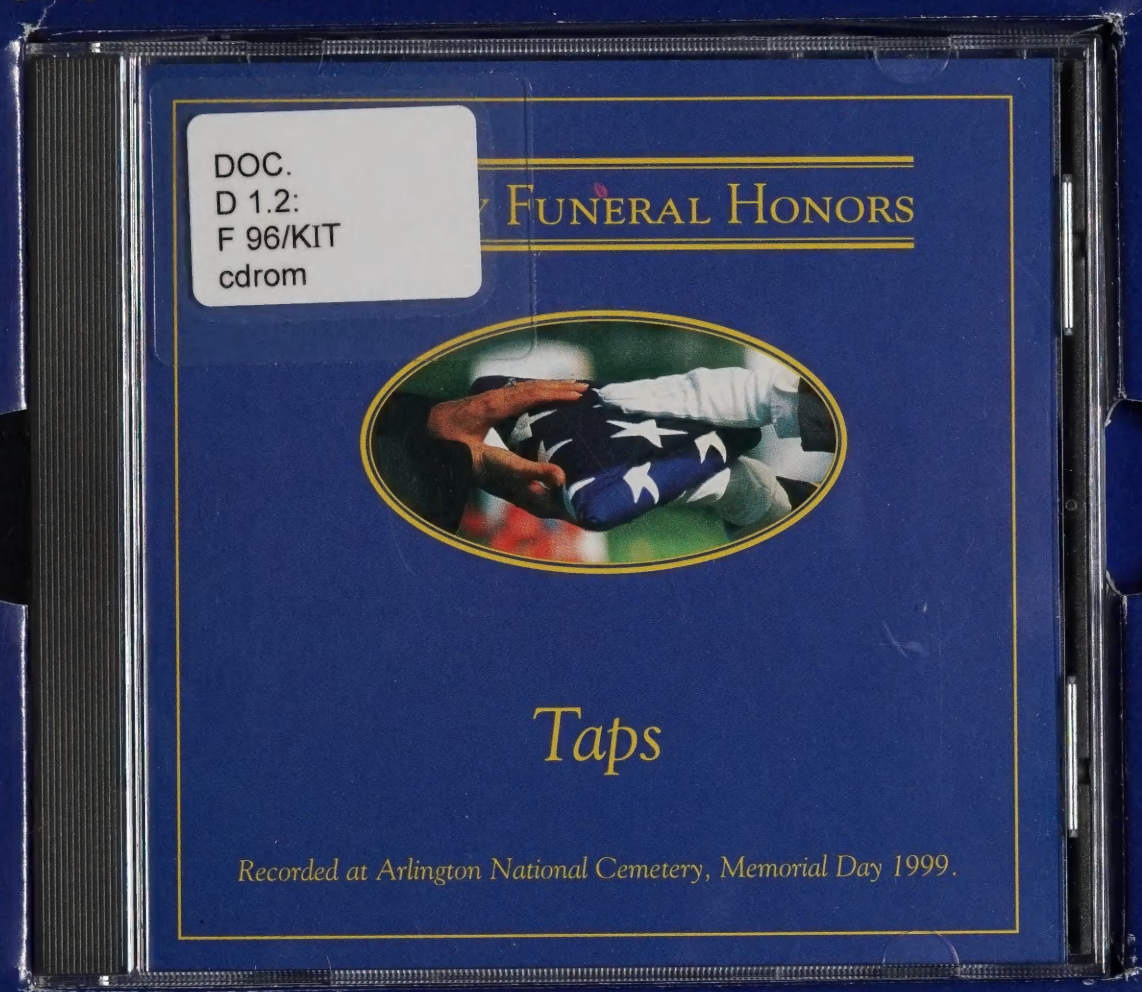


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The Origin of TAPS

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune borrowed from the French called Lights Out. In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men. Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story, "...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, [he] asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place



of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music, which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874 it was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became mandatory at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

— from an article by MSG Jari A. Villanueva, USAF

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